

staff actively assisting in the delivery of the TSA project.

(c) Payment of necessary and reasonable office expenses such as office supplies and office rental, office utilities, telephone services, and office equipment rental.

(d) Payment of necessary and reasonable administrative costs such as workers' compensation, liability insurance, audit reports, travel to and attendance at FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 approved training sessions, and the employer's share of Social Security and health benefits. Payments to private retirement funds are prohibited unless prior written authorization is obtained from the Administrator.

(e) Payment of reasonable fees for necessary training of grantee personnel. This may include the cost of travel and per diem to attend regional training sessions when authorized by the State Director.

(f) Other reasonable travel and miscellaneous expenses necessary to accomplish the objectives of the specific TSA grant which were anticipated in the individual TSA grant proposal and which have been included as eligible expenses at the time of grant approval.

#### § 1944.517 [Reserved]

#### § 1944.518 Term of grant.

TSA projects will be funded under one Grant Agreement for two years commencing on the date of execution of the Agreement by the State Director.

#### § 1944.519 [Reserved]

#### § 1944.520 Ineligible activities.

(a) Grant funds may not be used for:

(1) Acquisition, construction, repair, or rehabilitation of structures or acquisition of land, vehicles, or equipment.

(2) Replacement of or substitution for any financial support which would be available from any other source.

(3) Duplication of current services in conflict with the requirements of § 1944.514(c).

(4) Hiring personnel to perform construction.

(5) Buying property of any kind from families receiving technical or super-

visory assistance from the grantee under the terms of the TSA grant.

(6) Paying for or reimbursing the grantee for any expenses or debts incurred before FmHA or its successor agency under Public Law 103-354 executes the grant agreement.

(7) Paying any debts, expenses, or costs which should be the responsibility of the individual families receiving technical and supervisory assistance.

(8) Any type of political activities.

(9) Other costs including contributions and donations, entertainment, fines and penalties, interest and other financial costs, legislative expenses and any excess of cost from other grant agreements.

(b) Advice and assistance may be obtained from the National Office where ineligible costs are proposed as part of the TSA project or where a proposed cost appears ineligible.

(c) The grantee may not charge fees or accept compensation or gratuities from TSA recipients for the grantee's assistance under this program.

#### § 1944.521 [Reserved]

#### § 1944.522 Equal opportunity requirements.

The policies and regulations contained in subpart E of part 1901 of this chapter apply to grants made under this subpart.

#### § 1944.523 Other administrative requirements.

The following policies and regulations apply to grants made under this subpart:

(a) The policies and regulations contained in subpart F of part 1901 of this chapter regarding historical and archaeological properties.

(b) The policies and regulations contained in subpart G of part 1940 of this chapter regarding Environmental Assessments.

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